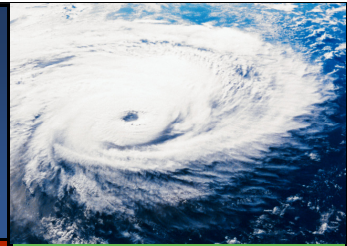


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Announcements

FEMA Announces Development of Youth Preparedness Council

On July 23, FEMA announced the formation of its first Youth Preparedness Council. The Council supports FEMA's emphasis on and dedication to involving the whole community in preparedness related activities.

FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council is a unique opportunity for a select group of youth leaders to serve on a highly distinguished national council and to voice their opinions, experiences, ideas and solutions to help strengthen the nation's resiliency for all types of disasters. "Engaging youth is an integral step in preparing the nation for all hazards," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. "Youth have a unique ability to influence their peers and families to be more resilient, and children play an important role in disaster preparedness, during and after a crisis."

The Youth Preparedness Council is comprised of 13 diverse leaders (13 – 17 years of age) from across FEMA's ten regions who are dedicated to public service; making a difference in their community; and expanding their impact as a national advocate for youth preparedness. Representing Region VI on this year's Council is **Dorian Tre'Vaughn Gregory** from Louisiana.

This year, council members will have the opportunity to participate in a community preparedness roundtable event in Washington D.C., where they will advise and ask questions on youth disaster preparedness with the leadership of national organizations working on this critical priority. To learn more about FEMA's youth preparedness efforts please visit: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/getstarted/youth/youthindex.shtm>.

Plaquemines Parish Dedicates School Board Faculty Housing Facility

LRO staff recently attended the ribbon cutting for the new Plaquemines Parish School Board Faculty Housing units located at the pre-Katrina site of Buras High School at 700 Highway 11 South in Buras. The celebration centered on the new housing being provided for those who dedicate their lives to educating – the dedicated faculty and staff of the Plaquemines Parish school system.

The new South Plaquemines Housing Facility maintains the same function and capacity as the housing units determined eligible for replacement after Hurricane Katrina. FEMA has coordinated approximately \$8 million for this consolidation project, which consists of 32 single-level units arranged in eight four-plex buildings elevated to the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map elevation for the area. The new housing will facilitate the school system's recovery needs by providing viable housing for educators in Plaquemines Parish.



Buras, La., Aug. 06, 2012 – Members of the Plaquemines Parish School Board and guests join Superintendent Denis Rousselle (second from right) and FEMA LRO Executive Director Joe Threat (center back) for the ribbon cutting for the new Faculty Housing Facility. FEMA/ Lillian Thompson

HURRICANE KATRINA 7TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Aug. 29 will mark the 7th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. This year's events will include the following:

08-28-12: Wesley Barrow Stadium grand opening

08-28-12: St. Bernard Parish Commemoration of Hurricane Katrina at Katrina Monument, Shell Beach, 9 a.m.

08-29-12: St. Bernard Day of Reflection Breakfast

Calendar

Other Events

Sept. 3: Labor Day

Sept. 5: Blessing of New Classroom Building at Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School



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